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3 T. G. Lakshmiah Setty, Adoni.

4 Manaji Premchand, Adoni.

5 Kalyanji Vittaldoss, Adoni.

6 J. Gadilingappa Jambanna, Bellary.

"Proposals from the Collector for the selection of five more wholesale dealers for mill cloth other than B. & C. cloth one for Siruguppa taluk, one more for Adoni taluk, two for Hospet taluk and one for Harpanahalli taluk are awaited."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know what these rules and regulations are under which these dealers have been given licence?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"Certain instructions were issued to the Collectors of the districts under which dealers whose record has been good may be given first priority and then second priority, third priority and fourth. Then Members of the Legislature may be consulted in the matter of selection, and after selection, as per instruction of Government certain names are sent up which are examined by the Provincial Textile Commissioner, and they come for approval to Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"So those are only instructions and not rules."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"Yes, Sir."

*Auditing the accounts of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.*

* 132 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any change has been made in the system of auditing the accounts of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board;

(*b*) if so, what the changes are; and

(*c*) the reasons for the change?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—"(*a*) No.

"(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

*Amount of bonus granted by the Central Government.*

* 133 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of bonus granted by the Central Government;

(*b*) the conditions mentioned in the Government of India, Ministry of Food, Press Communiqué, dated 8th December 1947, regarding the utilization of the bonus amount granted by them, in the present Khariff year;

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(c) how the bonus amount granted by the Central Government in the present Khariff year was spent by the Madras Government;

(d) whether the producers were supplied with manures and other commodities essential for food production, at concessional rates; and

(e) if not, why the Government have not utilized the Government of India bonus amount towards the above purpose, i.e., mentioned in (d)?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (b) The condition governing the grant of food bonus is that it should be utilized either for meeting the losses, if any, on distribution of foodgrains procured in India or for supplying manures, fertilizers and other commodities essential for production of foodgrains to the producers of such grains at concessional prices.

" (a), (c), (d) & (e) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the reply to starred question No. 3 which was answered in this House on 22nd July 1948. The final amount to be claimed from the Government of India and the manner in which this amount should be distributed are still under consideration of this Government in consultation with the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) and the Director of Agriculture, Madras."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" Are Government aware that the supply of manure by Government as bonus has helped to produce more food in the Province to a great extent? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It was certainly meant to be an incentive for the producers to produce more, but how much more it has done to help Government procurement, it is very difficult to assess now."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" If so, will they adopt the advice of the Central Government to utilize the bonus to supply manures, etc., at concessional rates? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It has been given to the people at concessional rates. But the difficulty of Government is they have not at their disposal sufficient stock necessary. So we have suggested that we will pay cash where manures are not available."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" May I enquire, Sir, whether for the Khariff year of 1947–48 the Government will utilize the bonus amount for supplying manure to the ryots at concessional rates? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It all depends upon the availability of manure in the hands of the Government."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" I mean, whatever manure is available to be sold through Government agency, will they be sold to the people at concessional rates? "

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have no objection in giving it provided they have the necessary quantity of manure at their disposal."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" He stresses on concessional rates."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Even, as it is, Government are afraid they will not be able to give the manure for the coupons they have already issued, and we do not know what we are going to get this year."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there is any bonus at all for this year? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The bonus given is for the year 1947–48."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" We do not know for which year the bonus was given, beyond the fact that it was issued for one Khariff year; I do not know whether it is for 1947–48. I am not referring to the current year. I do not know what a year means."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I am not concerned with what a 'year' means. A year means twelve months; and the hon. Member knows that it means nothing more and nothing less. We do not know what we are going to get from the Government of India. As soon as a decision is reached it will be communicated to us."

*Duties of the Assistant Commercial Tax Officers.*

*134 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the Assistant Commercial Tax Officers with regard to their duties and functions when they inspect shops and factories within the area of their jurisdiction, and if so, whether the Government intend to lay the instructions on the table of the House;

(*b*) whether the said officers have been passing over the defects without issuing necessary warnings in order to assess the merchants concerned to sales tax and levy heavy penalty from them; and

(*c*) whether the Government have expressed their disapproval in such cases and issued any warnings to the said officers?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) No specific instances of the kind have been brought to the notice of the Government.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are Government aware that the Assistant Commercial Tax Officers, when they visit villages fine merchants for defects, and they do not issue any warning to the people concerned."